ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 738

Introduced by Assembly Member Nation

February 17, 2005

An act to amend Section 2121 of add Section 101.5 to the Elections Code, relating to voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 738, as amended, Nation. Voter registration Elections.

Existing law specifies that no fees may be charged for voter registration.

This bill would extend this provision to reregistration as well.

Existing law requires that any state or local initiative petition, as specified, contain a statement, as described, notifying the public that the petition may be circulated by either a paid or a volunteer signature gatherer, and that the public has the right to ask.

This bill would require the individual circulating the petition to wear a badge stating that he or she is either a "paid" or a "volunteer" signature gatherer.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2121 of the Elections Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 2121. No fees may be charged for registration.
- 4 SECTION 1. Section 101.5 is added to the Elections Code, to
- 5 read:

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101.5. An individual circulating an initiative petition shall identify himself or herself as either a paid or volunteer signature gatherer. (a) An individual who receives compensation to circulate a 4 petition shall wear a badge stating "PAID SIGNATURE 5 GATHERER." (b) An individual who does not receive compensation to circulate a petition shall wear a badge stating "VOLUNTEER." 8 9 10 11 **CORRECTIONS:** Digest-Lines 1 through 10. 12